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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 1712

Examiner: P. Tucker

Atty. Docket No.: 11084.0015.CNUS02

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For: COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR A  
DUAL-FUNCTION SOIL GROUTING  
EXCAVATING OR BORING FLUID

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 3, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2003 for which the three-month date for response was January 3, 2004. A request for a three-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with authorization to charge the extension fee to the undersigned attorney's deposit account.. This three-month extension will bring the due date to April 3, 2004, which is within the six-month statutory period.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application.